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MISSION

The mission of the Community Corrections Program is to promote public safety and to provide quality services to the Loudoun Judiciary.

DESCRIPTION

The Community Corrections program provides pretrial and post-trial services for defendants and offenders for whom Loudoun County is responsible. The pretrial division utilizes pretrial officers to conduct pre-adjudication investigations, make recommendations to the court concerning defendants' suitability for supervised release and supervises those placed with the program by the Court. The post trial division utilizes probation officers to complete pre-sentence investigation reports ordered by the Courts and to supervise offenders placed on probation, for whom Loudoun County is responsible. The post trial division consists of standard probation and the drug court. The drug court is a unique approach to handling non-violent substance addicted offenders. It provides intensive, supervised probation that involves massive drug testing, education and treatment.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

FY 07 Issues, Challenges & Trends:

- The growth in the number of defendants and offenders placed in the pretrial, local probation and drug court programs follows County population growth trends and increases the workload of staff.
- The ability to provide services for the growing number of Spanish speaking defendants and offenders remains an issue. A special grant from the State Department of Criminal Justice Services was secured in FY 05 for a Spanish speaking probation officer. However, as this population continues to increase, the workload will soon exceed staff capacity.
- Community Corrections is involved in a joint venture with other County agencies to prevent domestic violence. A Federal grant was secured in FY 05 to begin a County-wide domestic violence program. This is an interdepartmental program with the following partners: the Sheriff's Office, LAWS, the Commonwealth Attorney's Office and the Juvenile Court Service Unit.

FY 07 Major Goals:

Local Probation

- Serve the Loudoun judiciary by enforcing all general and special conditions of probation.
- Provide consequences for offenders through community service work.
- Collect costs and fines from convicted offenders.
- Compensate victims by collecting restitution from offenders.
- Save jail space in the local detention center.

Pretrial Services

- Serve the Loudoun judiciary by enforcing all general and special conditions of bond.
- Provide verified information and sound bond recommendations to the Courts of Loudoun County on all incarcerated pretrial defendants.
- Save jail space in the local detention center.

Drug Court

- Serve the Loudoun Judiciary by enforcing all general and special conditions of the drug court.
- Save jail beds in the local detention center.

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FY 06 Major Accomplishments:

- The drug court was implemented as a pilot project in June 2004. Despite not receiving State or Federal funds, the drug court continued to operate and provide service.
- Started by a grant received in FY 05, the domestic violence team has continued to work together to address domestic violence issues in Loudoun County. The team is made up of representatives from Community Corrections, LAWS, the Juvenile Court Service Unit and the Sheriff's Office.
- The pretrial services program and the local probation program have maintained successful completion rates of 85%. In pretrial, a defendant is counted as a successful completion if they appear in court at the scheduled time, remain arrest free and do not have their bond revoked for technical violations. Probation offenders are considered to be successful if they complete the period of probation without being re-arrested for a new offense and abide by all other conditions the Court has placed on them.
- In 2005, the department received a State grant to hire a Spanish-speaking probation officer to supervise Spanish-speaking offenders. The grant was renewed in 2006.

Departmental Financial Summary	FY 03 Actual	FY 04 Actual	FY 05 Actual	FY 06 Adopted	FY 07 Adopted
Expenditures					
Personnel	\$736,407	\$777,265	\$878,233	\$1,036,000	\$1,224,000
Operations & Maintenance	81,921	71,307	93,092	193,000	181,000
Total Expenditures:	\$818,328	\$848,572	\$971,325	\$1,229,000	\$1,405,000
Departmental Revenue					
Local Fees, Charges, Etc.	\$5,490	\$4,222	\$20,030	\$21,000	\$73,000
Commonwealth	402,268	414,218	448,150	461,000	461,000
Federal	26,485	38,480	92,371	172,000	85,000
Total Revenues:	\$434,243	\$456,920	\$560,551	\$654,000	\$619,000
Local Tax Funding:	\$384,085	\$391,652	\$410,774	\$575,000	\$786,000
FTE Summary:	13.59	13.06	15.06	16.33	17.33

FY 07 Board Action: The FY 07 Adopted Fiscal Plan for Community Corrections includes enhancements totaling 1.00 FTE and \$78,000 in additional local tax funding for a local probation officer and \$28,000 for replacement of Federal Domestic Violence grant funding. The FY 07 budget also includes funding for implementation of compensation and increased benefits costs effective September 2006.

Budget History:

FY 03 Mid-Year: The department eliminated 0.53 FTE to fund the local match for a State-funded planner.

FY 04 Mid-Year: The department received a State grant for a 1.00 FTE Spanish speaking probation officer and a Federal grant for an 1.00 FTE interdepartmental Domestic Violence grant probation officer.

FY 06: The Board added 1.27 FTE for implementation of the Drug Court.

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Planned Accomplishment/Objectives for FY 2007:

Goal: Serve the Loudoun judiciary by enforcing all general and special conditions of pretrial and probation.

Objective: Manage the average annual growth of 10% in new cases referred by the Court.

<i>Performance Measures</i>	Actual FY 04	Actual FY 05	Est. FY 06	Proj. FY 07
<u>Pretrial:</u>				
Average daily caseload	97	113	120	125
New cases opened/percent increase in new cases opened	470/22%	480/16%	500/6%	520/4%
Successfully closed cases with no violations of the terms of their release	84%	87%	85%	85%
<u>Local Probation:</u>				
Average daily caseload	444	617	650	675
New cases opened/percent increase in new cases opened	1,277/34%	1,679/31%	1,760/5%	1,825/4%
Percent of offenders successfully completing the period of probation without violating any conditions of their probation	84%	86%	85%	85%

Goal: Provide an array of alternatives to detention to reduce space issues in the local Adult Detention Center.

Objective: Manage cases referred to the program by diverting offenders from jail.

<i>Performance Measures</i>	Actual FY 04	Actual FY 05	Est. FY 06	Proj. FY 07
<u>Local Probation:</u>				
Number of beds/County \$ saved each day	64/\$5,516	62/\$5,308	65/\$5,565	68/\$5,882
<u>Pretrial:</u>				
Number of beds/County \$ saved each day	52/\$4,452	57/\$4,880	65/\$5,565	65/\$5,565

Goal: Provide alternatives to detention through community service work.

Objective: Insure that 86% of offenders perform community service work as directed by the Court.

<i>Performance Measures</i>	Actual FY 04	Actual FY 05	Est. FY 06	Proj. FY 07
Number of community service hours worked/ \$ value	22,367/ \$134,202	24,352/ \$146,112	26,000/ \$156,000	27,000/ \$162,000